

Amendments to the Specification

On page 1, immediately above “Background of the Invention”, insert the following text as a new paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application serial no. 09/900,651, filed July 6, 2001, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirely.--

On page 4, delete the paragraph starting “As shown in Figure 2 ...” and substitute therefor the following replacement paragraph:

--As is shown in Figure 2, a elevator car platform 21 for supporting an elevator car (not shown), having a front edge 22 with a left front corner 22L and a right front corner 22R and back edge 23 with a left back corner 23L and a right back corner 23R, is suspended from an upper portion of elevator sling 24 by a plurality of upper tension members 25, 26, 27, and 28. The upper portion of the sling 24 is that portion above the elevator car platform 21. Conversely any portion of the sling 24 below the elevator car platform 21 may be referred to as the lower portion the sling 24. The sling 24 has a left stile 29 and right stile 30. The left stile 29 and right stile 30 have upper portions **[[9A and 10A]] 29A and 30A**, respectively, and lower portions 29B and 30B, respectively. A crosshead 31 spans and connects the upper portions of the stiles 29A and 30A. And a safety plank 32 spans the lower portions of the stiles 29B and 30B. A fastening plate 33 is mounted in a center portion of and under the safety plank 32. Those skilled in the art will recognize that the crosshead 31 need not be affixed at the exact upper ends of the stiles 29 and 30 and likewise the safety plank **[[22]] 33** need not be affixed at the exact bottom of the stiles 29 and 30.--

On page 5, delete the paragraph starting “In addition to being suspended ...” and substitute therefor the following replacement paragraph:

--In addition to being suspended from the upper portions 29A and 30A of the stiles 29 and 30 of the elevator sling 24, the elevator car platform 21 may also be secured to the safety plank [[22]] 32 by a plurality of lower tension members. Lower tension member 34 secures the right front corner of the platform 22R to a fastening plate 33 and may be fastened to the fastening plate 33 and the platform 21 with standard fasteners. Lower tension member 35 secures the left front corner of the platform 22L to the fastening plate 33 and may be fastened to the fastening plate 33 and the platform 21 with standard fasteners. Lower tension member 36 secures the right back corner of the platform 23R to the fastening plate and may be fastened to the fastening plate 33 and the platform 21 with standard fasteners. A fourth lower tension member (not shown) secures the left back corner of the platform 23L to the fastening plate 33 and may be fastened to the fastening plate 33 and the platform 21 with standard fasteners. The upper and lower tension members may, but need not, be fastened to the exact corners of the elevator car platform 21. The upper and lower tension members may be fastened to the platform 21 in any manner that provides adequate support for the platform 21.--

Delete the present Abstract and substitute therefor the following replacement Abstract:

~~--An apparatus and method for isolating an elevator car from elevator system vibrations is described. The An~~ isolation system and method comprise suspending an elevator platform from an upper portion of an elevator sling with upper tension members. In addition to being suspended from the sling by upper tension members, the elevator car platform may be secured to a lower portion of the sling from with lower tension members. The tension members preferably have an in-use frequency of vibration below the frequencies of the elevator system vibrations. In an alternative embodiment, upper vibration attenuating tension members may be used to suspend the elevator car platform and the platform may be secured to the lower portion of the sling with standard isolation mounts instead of lower tension members. The tension members employed by the present invention may be manufactured from cables containing aramid fibers, such as Kevlar[®] rope.--